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JAMES B. DONOVAN New Questions Raised

Donovan Waits In Seclusion

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Donovan disappeared after a press conference yesterday at Miami International Airport. His cousin, Helen Donovan of Miami, said he took refuge under another name at a place where he was unknown.

Obviously disappointed at

release of the captives. Donovan flew here from Havana after making what he said was his maximum offer to Castro.

tails to be discussed by Dr. Castro and his government," Donovan told reporters at the airport. "Some new questions have been raised concerning specific details.

"There is nothing more to do now than to wait for Dr. Castro to think over these points."

The decision rests with him."

Donovan came here as the question of U. S. government in volvement in the negotiations was debated by congressmen and in the press.

A New York newspaper said Donovan was assigned to the job of intermediary by Attorney General Robert Kennedy and that the government was feating at least part of the said of

"The United States governman habitable based on part in these amountains," Denovan said.

Donovan also liente that Castro as being offere that to free the men who were taken prisoner in the Cuban in asion of April 1961.

"My work does not involve one dollar in cash," he said.

"It involves solely drugs, medicines, medical supplies and some baby foods, designed as an offer of the American people to the Cuban people."

Donovan received the Central Intelligence Agency Distinguished Service Medal for his part last year in arranging the release from Russia of U-2 Pilot Prancis Gary Powers.

Government spokesmen, however, have said that did not imply he was in any way a societed with the CIA, which honors those who have served it.

Dorovan said he had consulted with the Justice Department about his assignment to Cuba, but said it was to make sure no laws were being violated.

In Washington, Edwin Martin, secretary of state for Latin American affairs, said the government is taking no part in the negotiations.

It was obvious, however, that the government at least had given its blessing to the project.

Donovan had to have government approval for his frequent flights to and from Cuba; the proposed shipment of goods to Cuba needed clearance, and it was reported that the prisoners if they are released — would be landed at the Strategic Air Command's Homestead base.

The public would not be allowed to enter the Homestead Base or assemble near it. The prisoners would be rushed in special busses to Opa-locka for medical

evarninations and registration processing, and then released to waiting relatives.

Asked about Florida Rep. William Cramer's charges this week that he, Donovan, was using U. S. tax monies to pay the Castro ransom demands, the attorney paused momentarily and replied:

"Never heard of Cramer. Where's he from?"

When told Cramer was a Florid a congressman, Donovan sarugged and added:

Well wish him luck in the next election."

Denote Pleared up the question a prince will be said he made only one trip instead of two as previously reported, and came primarily for medical treatment of bursitis.

He also said he slept 16 hours before returning to Havana Monday afternoon.

While here now. Donovan said he plans to have more medical treatment.